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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC Military Information from the Zonal Border Area of Gerstungen

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[REDACTED] sources.

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1. On 21 January 1951, intensified patrol activity was observed in the zonal border sector of Gerstungen (L 51/H 63). Between 3 and 4 p.m., three sentry details of two men each and one sentry with a dog were seen patrolling the Autobahn near the Gerstungen railroad station. The same day, a Soviet biplane flew along the border at an altitude of about 200 meters. It followed the Autobahn towards Eisenach. *
2. On 21 January, no changes were observed with the Soviet border guard detachment and patrols in the border sector of the Oechsen (L 51/H 63) Grenzpolizei Kommandantur. **
3. A pear-shaped basket antenna, about 7 meters high, was being erected on the observation platform on top of the Soviet Kommandantura building in Gerstungen.
4. A baker who delivered bread to the estate in Mhla (L 52/H 87), said that the number of troops there had been reduced to 60, including one captain, two senior lieutenants, and four lieutenants.

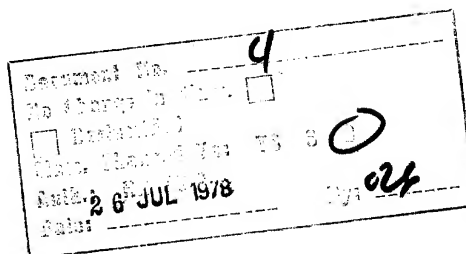
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* [REDACTED] Comment. According to another source, 40 Soviet soldiers arrived in Gerstungen on 13 January, allegedly from Weimar.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. In mid-November 1950, a Grenzpolizei-Kommando consisting of 20 men and a Soviet border guard detachment of one officer and 24 EM were stationed in Oechsen. [REDACTED]

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